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1. HUMAN RIGHTS AND POLICE EQUIPMENT (CONFIDENTIAL)

EB/ITP DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BARRACLOUGH CONVENED A MEETING APRIL 4 TO DISCUSS A NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH EXPORT LICENSING OF POLICE EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN OPPOSED BY HA/HR UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH 6 OF PD-30 (WHICH PROHIBITS US FROM TAKING ANY ACTION THAT WOULD RESULT IN MATERIAL OR FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE POLICE, CIVIL
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LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES, OR OTHERS PERFORMING INTERNAL SECURITY FUNCTIONS OF GOVERNMENTS ENGAGED IN SERIOUS VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS). BARRACLOUGH IS INTERESTED IN ESTABLISHING A RAPID SYSTEM FOR REACHING A DECISION ON THESE CASES SINCE UNDER LAW COMMERCE MUST INFORM THE AMERICAN APPLICANT WITHIN 90 DAYS IF THE LICENSE IS TO BE DENIED. TWO EA CASES WERE DISCUSSED: (1) SALE BY IBM OF

A MID-SIZED UNIVAC COMPUTER TO THE ROK HOME MINISTRY TO REPLACE AN EXISTING UNIT THAT MAINTAINS VITAL STATISTICS

AND CITIZEN REGISTRY RECORDS; AND (2) A ROCKWELL INTERNATIONAL FINGERPRINT IDENTIFICATION AND RETRIEVAL SYSTEM FOR THE PHILIPPINE CONSTABULARY. WE MADE A STRONG CASE FOR THE KOREAN SALE, ARGUING THAT THERE HAVE BEEN IMPROVEMENTS IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS CLIMATE THERE, THAT DESPITE MANY PROBLEMS KOREA IS NOT A SERIOUS VIOLATOR, AND THAT ALTHOUGH POLICE HAVE ACCESS TO INFORMATION STORED IN THE COMPUTER, IT IS NOT A LAW ENFORCEMENT TOOL PER SE. WE NOTED THAT THE PHILIPPINE APPLICATION IS NOT AS CLEAR OR AS COMPELLING BUT POINTED OUT THAT MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS, INCLUDING FINGERPRINTS, IS A LEGITIMATE POLICE FUNCTION NOT NECESSARILY CONNECTED WITH THE SUPPRESSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS. WE ALSO ARGUED THAT THE RIGHTS OF THE ACCUSED WOULD BE BETTER PROTECTED IF SCIENTIFIC MEANS FOR GATHERING EVIDENCE WAS IN COMMON USE. HA/ORM INITIALLY OPPOSED THE ROK LICENSE BUT FINALLY OFFERED TO AGREE IF IT WERE ISSUED WITH THE CONDITION THAT THE KOREAN POLICE WOULD NOT UTILIZE IT (THIS IS A FALL-BACK POSITION SUBJECT TO FURTHER CHANGE). HA'S REPRESENTATIVES ALSO OPPOSED THE FINGERPRINT COMPUTER ON HUMAN RIGHTS GROUNDS. A DECISION MEMO FROM BARRACLOUGH TO MRS. BENSON AND MR. CHRISTOPHER WILL BE PREPARED INCORPORATING THE ARGUMENTS ON BOTH SIDES. HA HAS AGREED THAT THIS SHOULD BE DELAYED IN THE CONFIDENTIAL

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PHILIPPINE CASE UNTIL AFTER THE ELECTIONS FOR THE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY CAN BE ASSESSED.

WE HAVE IN DRAFT A MEMORANDUM TO YOU RECOMMENDING AN EA APPROACH TOWARD HANDLING THIS NEW CATEGORY OF HUMAN RIGHTS CASES.

2. JAPANESE LABOR MOVEMENT AND THE UNSSOD (CONFIDENTIAL)

WE UNDERSTAND THAT ALL FOUR MAJOR JAPANESE LABOR FEDERATIONS - DOMEI, SOHYO, CHURITSUOREN AND SHINSANBETSU - PLAN TO SEND DELEGATIONS TO ATTEND THE UNSSOD (UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT). SOHYO SEC GEN TOMIZUKA, WHO WILL LEAD THE SOHYO DELEGATION, HAS BEEN PRESSING FOR A MEETING WITH AFL-CIO PRESIDENT GEORGE MEANY, DURING THE FORTHCOMING VISIT. THIS IS IMPORTANT PART OF SOHYO'S CAMPAIGN FOR RAPPROCHEMENT WITH THE AFL-CIO WHICH WAS SO DRAMATICALLY BEGUN WITH SOHYO PRESIDENT MAKIEDA'S CALL ON MEANY LAST SUMMER. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT A RAPPROCHEMENT OF SOHYO AND THE AFL-CIO COULD SIGNAL THE BEGINNING OF A NEW ERA IN RELATIONS BETWEEN JAPANESE AND AMERICAN LABOR ORGANIZATIONS, AND FURTHERMORE POTENTIALLY HAVE IMPORTANT REPERCUSSIONS IN THE JAPANESE SOCIALIST PARTY, WHICH RELIES ON SOHYO FOR

FUNDS. IT IS THEREFORE OF CONSIDERABLE INTEREST THAT MEANY HAS AGREED TO SEE TOMIZUKA. MEANY WILL ALSO WISH TO SEE THE HEAD OF THE

DOMEI DELEGATION, AND PERHAPS THE HEADS OF THE OTHER TWO DELEGATIONS AS WELL. WE ARE ASKING EMBASSY TOKYO TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON ALL FOUR DELEGATIONS.

3. DISARMAMENT - SSOD: PESSIMISM IN THE WESTERN GROUP
(CONFIDENTIAL)

THE DISCUSSION BY THE MEMBERS OF THE BARTON GROUP (NATO,
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ANZUS AND JAPAN) ON THE FORTHCOMING 5TH SESSION OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT RESULTED IN THE EXPECTATION THAT THE COMMITTEE WOULD MAKE LITTLE PROGRESS IN RECONCILING THE DIFFERENCES IN THE DRAFT DOCUMENTS FOR THE SESSION, EXCEPT POSSIBLY FOR THE DECLARATION ON DISARMAMENT. THERE WAS ALSO THE PERCEPTION OF IMPASSE ON VARIOUS FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES, ESPECIALLY THE QUESTION OF NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT AND PESSIMISM ABOUT THE PROSPECTS FOR OBTAINING CONSENSUS AT THE SPECIAL SESSION ITSELF.

THE AUSTRALIANS NOTED THAT THE STATUS OF ONGOING ARMS CONTROL NEGOTIATIONS WOULD HAVE A DIRECT BEARING ON THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE SESSION AND THE JAPANESE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTED THAT THE 600 MEMBER JAPANESE DELEGATION FROM NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IS SEEKING TO COLLECT 35 MILLION SIGNATURES ON A PETITION CALLING FOR A TOTAL BAN ON THE USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. (JAPANESE OFFICIALS ESTIMATE THE NUMBER OF SIGNATURES AT 10 MILLION.)

4. MORE ON THE KABUL NAM MEETING (CONFIDENTIAL)

USUN HAS SENT IN A PRESUMABLY FINAL TEXT OF THE AGENDA FOR THE KABUL MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE NON-ALIGNED COORDINATING COMMITTEE (NACC - THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP STEERING COMMITTEE). THE NACC GROUP IN NEW YORK, IN ADDITION TO APPROVING THE AGENDA ON MARCH 29, RECOMMENDED THAT THE NACC SENIOR OFFICIALS MEET IN KABUL MAY 6-7 AND THE FOREIGN MINISTERS GATHER AFTER THAT ON MAY 8-10. AT THE MARCH 29 MEETING THE NORTH KOREANS REPORTEDLY REQUESTED THAT THE KABUL MEETING DISCUSS PYONGYANG'S COMPLAINT ABOUT THE MILITARY EXERCISES CONDUCTED BY THE US AND SOUTH KOREA, STATING THAT THESE MANEUVERS POSED A
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THREAT TO PEACE IN THE KOREAN PENINSULA AND THE ENTIRE WORLD. THE NACC TOOK NO ACTION ON THE REQUEST, HOWEVER.

THE AGENDA ITSELF COVERS A WIDE RANGE OF POLITICAL AND

ECONOMIC ISSUES (E.G. THE MIDDLE EAST, AFRICA, DISARMAMENT, NIEO, ETC.) AND ALSO GIVES CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION TO NON-ALIGNED EFFORTS IN THE MASS MEDIA. ADDITIONALLY, AT THE

BEHEST OF VIETNAM, THE AGENDA INCLUDES AN ITEM ON MILITARY BASES IN NON SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES (I.E. GUAM).

IN THE MEANTIME, THE YUGOSLAVS HAVE TOLD US THAT ALTHOUGH A VISITING NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION DID NOT MENTION THEIR INTENTION ON SEEKING A KOREAN RESOLUTION AT KABUL OR AT THE FULL NAM MEETING IN BELGRADE THIS SUMMER, THEY DID INDICATE THAT THEY DO NOT WANT THE KOREAN ISSUE TO DISAPPEAR FROM EITHER THE NAM OR THE UN AGENDAS.

5. MODERATE ROLE FOR INDONESIA? (CONFIDENTIAL)

THE NEW INDONESIAN DIRECTOR FOR IO AFFAIRS HAS TOLD EMBASSY OFFICIALS THAT THE GOI WOULD DISCREETLY ATTEMPT TO MARSHAL MODERATE FORCES WITHIN THE G-77 DURING THE UPCOMING KABUL NON-ALIGNED MEETING AND SUBSEQUENT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES. HE COMMENTED THAT MODERATES ACTUALLY OUTNUMBER THE RADICALS WITHIN THE G-77 BUT THEY ARE DISORGANIZED AND INARTICULATE. ON THE OTHER HAND HE DID NOT FORESEE AN INDONESIAN ROLE IN ATTEMPTING TO FORM A SEPARATE REGIONAL ASIAN GROUP IN THE UN SINCE THE GOI BELIEVED MEMBERSHIP IN THAT REGION WAS TOO DISPARATE TO PERMIT EFFECTIVE COOPERATION. VANCE

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